CHIRO-GRAPHIA

or

A Booke of Copies containing sundrie Examples

For such as are desirous to better their hands, and attaine to perfection in the Art of commendable Writing, with certaine peeces of Cursorie hands (not heeretofore extant) newlie com in vse amongst the gentrie, especiallie with Secretaries and their Clearks, and are of excellent facilitie and dispatch, for any manner of imploiments whatsoeuer. Composed and published. By

Manus membrum Hominis vtilissimum
tacentis linguâ, loquatur Penna

R. Gething

Jo: Goddard Sculp:

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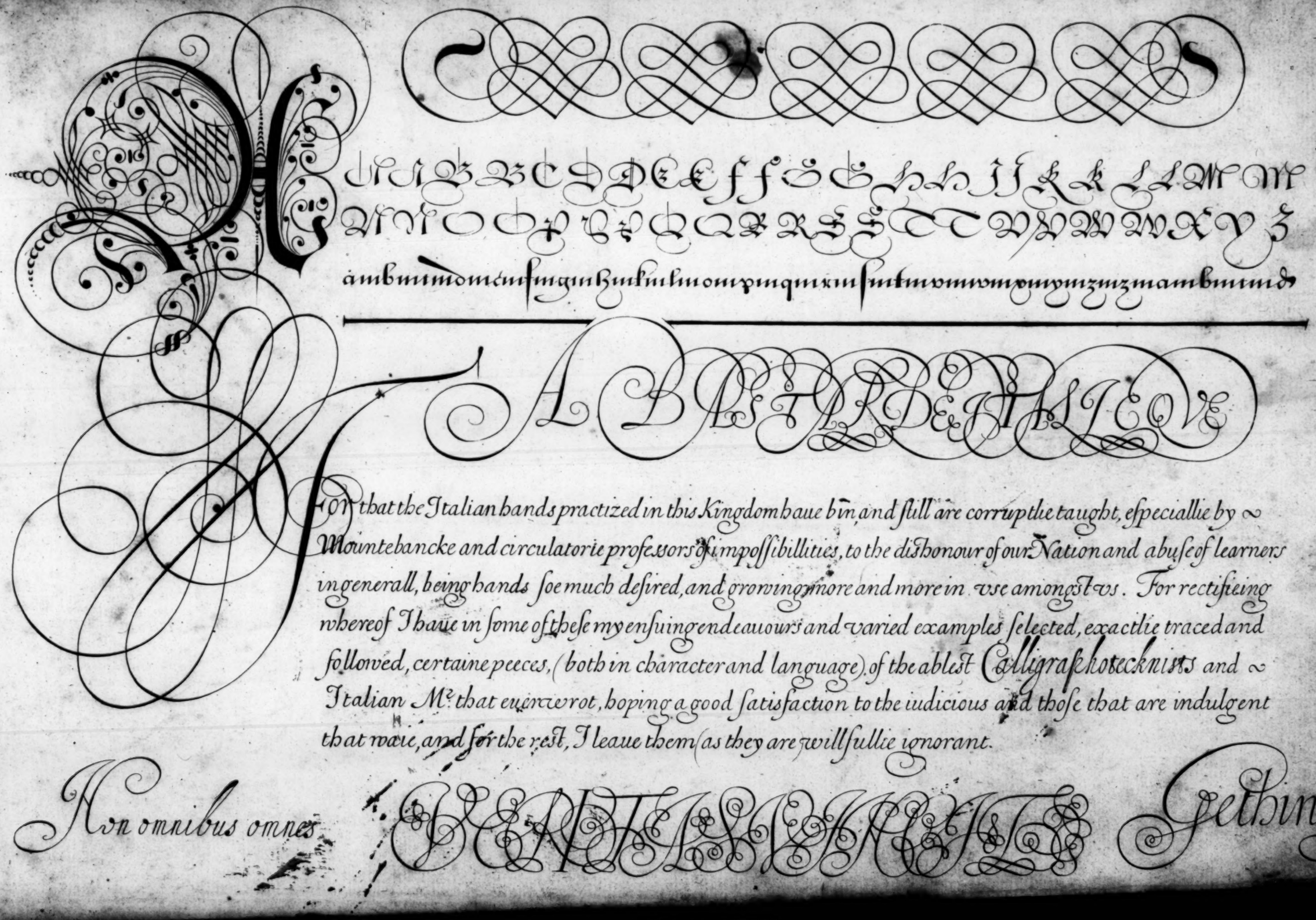
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A B C D E F I S I G V E
For that the Italian hands practized in this Kingdom haue bin, and still are corrupthe taught, especiallie by ~
Mountebancke and circulatorie professors of impossibillities, to the dishonour of our Nation and abuse of learners
in generall, being hands soe much desired, and growing more and more in vse amongst vs. For rectifieing
whereof I haue in some of these my ensuing endeauours and varied examples selected, exactlie traced and
followed, certaine peeces, (both in character and language) of the ablest Calligraphotecknists and ~
Italian Mr. that euer wrot, hoping a good satisfaction to the iudicious and those that are indulgent
that waie, and for the rest, I leaue them (as they are) willfullie ignorant.
Non omnibus omnes
Gething

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Memoriae nouissima

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Gluttonie, or surfeiting is the swoorne enemie to Temperaunce, daughter to externe and immoderate Appetite, she is Healthes bane, and Humanities blemish, high Oratrice, and the soules Hell, except mercie wipe out the remembraunce of that most grieuous Guilt.

Paring, is a good reuenue to a priuat man, but to a Prince, nothing is more dangerous, and worse beseeming, or beromming his honour and reputaton, nor more prejuditiall to his affaires. for there is no baite to the golden hooke, nor weapon to the siluer Speare, nor ramid fort, that can longe houlde out against

Prodigalitie, is the excesse of liberalitie, w^ch comming to extremitie, proues most wicked and vicious, wasting and consuminge vertues faster then substaunce, and substance faster then anie vertue can gaine it. Excesse is an ornament of inconstancie

Gethinge

Friendship in Courte is like Musicke at a feast, where a man hath nothing but a pleasinge sweete Sounde for his Money, Or rather compared to those Apothecaries Drugs, w: are extreame and violentlie hot in the Mouth, and could in the operation, it is quick in promising, and slowe in performaunce, receiuinge Substance, and returninge Smoake, sometimes it mouth ye Clients cause, but vexie seldome or never, vrgeth it to prevaile.

Cibus edvcto si quidquam credis amico
viue tibi: et longè nomina magna fuge.

Gethings

Dissimulacon is an euill humo of the mynde, contrarie to all honestie and humanitie, it is a countenaunt & veremore disagreeing from the immaginacon of the heaxte, and a most victorious lyer, in whatsoeuer it proposoundeth. Folly and intemperaunce in o Actions, is a meere overflowing, in Voluptuousnes, sortinge and compelling, all reason in such manner, that noe consideracon of losse, or other inconvenience, is able to restraine, or keepe him back, w^ch is by longe custom inserted with

Faire writing blazons the Soules excellencie, and giues the hand some kinde of Eloquence.

Humilitie is a voluntarie inclination and disposition of the minde, grounded vpon a good and perfect knowledge, and true vnderstanding of our owne condicon, a vertue by w^ch meanes, a man in the most serious examination and exact consideracon of his inward qualities, makes least account of himselfe.

Getsing

Whereas Abraham Berresford Clarencieux Davenport
Emmanuell Farmingdowne Gammaliell Hummerston Esquires
Jeromme Kinnastonne Lawrence Manwaringe Marchants
and Nathanniell Outerbridge Philemon Quarterman
Reignolde Scudamoore Theophrastus Vernehame Willm
Xenophone Yarrington[e] Louc[e]am Marmaduke Pratt
gentlemen appointed Commissioners for the Examinacon of &c.

uch men as are commodious to none but only to themselues,
are not worthie to bee honoured or esteemed in a Commonweale.

Geesings

Contrarie causes cannot but produce contrarie effects; & antitie and integritie of life (with pvritie of doctrine) gaue the first maiestie and awfull reuerence to the sea of Rome, and made her the most eminent seate of Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and authoritie w^th^ iust, by the dissolute conuersation of those men, and corruption of religion in y^e^ church is now diminished.

Superstitione qui est imbutus, quietus esse nunquam potest.

All plants and other creatures, haue their growth and increase to a period, and then their declination and decay: except only the Crocodile, who euer growes bigger and greater, euen till death. So haue all passions and perturbacons of mans mind; their intencons and remissions, increase and decrease, except only malicious Reuenge. for this, the longer it lasteth, the stronger it waxeth.

Nouandis quam gerendis rebus aptiores.

mulation and discontentment, are the affections and inclinacons of carnall mens minds. Humiliation and regeneration, euermore goes together as inseperable companions, w^ch^ maketh a man to think (what honours or preformens are impose vpon others) I haue more then I am worthie off.

Gething

Receiued the seuenteenth of this instant December anno 1645, of Edmund Cressingham of Lamberwell in the Countie of Kent husbandman, the summe of eleauen pounds, eleauen shillings and eleauen pence, of lawfull money of England, by mee George Buckingham citizen and marchantaylor of London, due vpon an accompt for certaine wares and commodities deliuered him for the vse

of Sir Nicholas Crisp Knight and Alderman of the said Citie, and for which the said Edmund Cressingham hath promised to pay the said summe of eleauen pounds, eleauen shillings and eleauen pence vnto the said George Buckingham, or his assignes, at or in the now dwelling house of the said Sir Nicholas Crisp, scituate and being in Hammersmith in the County of Middlesex, on the first day of March next ensuing the date hereof.

NIL PENNA SED ARTE

George Buckingham

Such are the changes and thaumes of mans life, as are ye
tasts of Dice, some good, some bad. A good thaume may
bee marred by oversight, and an ill one, helped by good play:
So, must a prudent Prince take heed, that hee governe his
good fortune well, and if the necessities of the tymes threaten
Warre and Ruine vpon him, let him seeke to avoid them by
all the waies, and meanes, hee possible may. Beware of

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autis, quam acrioribus consilijs, potentia tutius sabetur.
Tutius consilijs et astu, externas morili: arma procul habero.

Ge: Penna sperenis erit

Be it knowne vnto all men by these ꝓnts, that wee Lawrence Dulmerstone
of Grammerstone in the countie of Cumberland yeoman, and one
William Mominglomme of Emmiereloume in the countie of Darnaruan
marchants straingers are bounde and stand iointlie indebted vnto Emanuell
Bcommoute of greate Wolues lamptom alias Hampton in y countie of
warrwicke marchant in the summe of one thousand poundes of
aid the seconde of this instant September by yo honours owne
appointment vnto William Kemastomme of greate Maumrell
in the Countie of Somme Weaver for certaine Woalleby-
were transported into Dennemarke, the summe of liuentie
Getsingge

Knowe all men by theis p̄nts ȳ wee Maxmadoke Cunningham of Barnes in ȳ Countie of Northumberland Husbandman and Laurence Hammond of Wellingborowe in ȳ Countie of Westmooreland Coltmarchante doe owe and are indebted vnto Emmanuell Barrington Esquire

The Condition of this obligation is such ȳ if the aboue bounden Emanuel Carew and Rowland Crammocke doe well and trulie observe, performe and keepe all and singuler the covenants, Conditions and Agreements w^ch are put in writing and contained in an Instrument bearing date the xxiiij^th

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Pettingo
Rec

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Commoda quibus vtimur Lutem quia fruimur, spiritum quem
omnium a Domino deo optimo maximo atque omnipotenti nobis non
unquam data atque unxaxlixi videmus, quoniam ab ipso omnia bona
prosistuntur, quia omnia quetunque gubernat, regit, tuetur atque
defendit. a.b.no.o.d.ee.f.g.h.i k.ll mm.o.oo.p.q.r.t.v.b.ff.t.v.u.w.x.y.z.zz.

constancie, is t tru and vnmoueable strengt, and magnanimitie of the
minde, and vnderstanding, not puffed vp in prosperitie, nor cast downe
and oppressed in aduersitie, it is sumtimes praemio stabilitie and perse=
verance, and other-sumtimes pertinacie, t the last parte of Fortitude.

uid fieri placeret scripsi ad Pomponium serius quam oportuit. Cum eo si locuta eris, intelliges quid fieri
velim. Aportius scribi quando ad illum scripseram: necesse non fuit. de ea re, et de caeteris rebus quam
primum velim nobis literas mittas. valetudinem tuam diligenter. Vale septimo Idus Quintilius. 1645

Lebhing8

Soeuerint Vniuersi per presentes Willielmum Mormington nper
de Spellingtome in tom Glammorgan Armigerum teneri et
firmiter obligari Rowlando Emmerson nuper de la Wormelo
in tom Westmorelando generoso in Centum marcis bone et legalis

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et fraudulose and tinum spem of affeiling popularitie by adulation for the euent neuer
proues good or commodious, and though attained by our desert, and commendations,
yet manage it, wanlie; lastit proues sore & more dangerous then Contempt.

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able not an occupacon of any manner of recreacon, for the enioyinge or longest vse of theis
pleasures and recreacons, is but short and momentanie, but the paines of theis pleasures
and recreacons are dammable. Neither can they be reckonned or accomplished recreacons or
pleasures, beinge ouercommon. For as to suffit with Hony, is but to digest Wormwood.

Spelling.

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We require and command you whose names are herein mentioned to come and make your appearance at our mannor of new Warmingstone immediatelie upon the view of this our warrant and shall commandement to answeare unto all y^e

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All molto mag.^co Sig.^r Giu.^o Batt.^a Garnier Sig.^r mio Oss.^mo

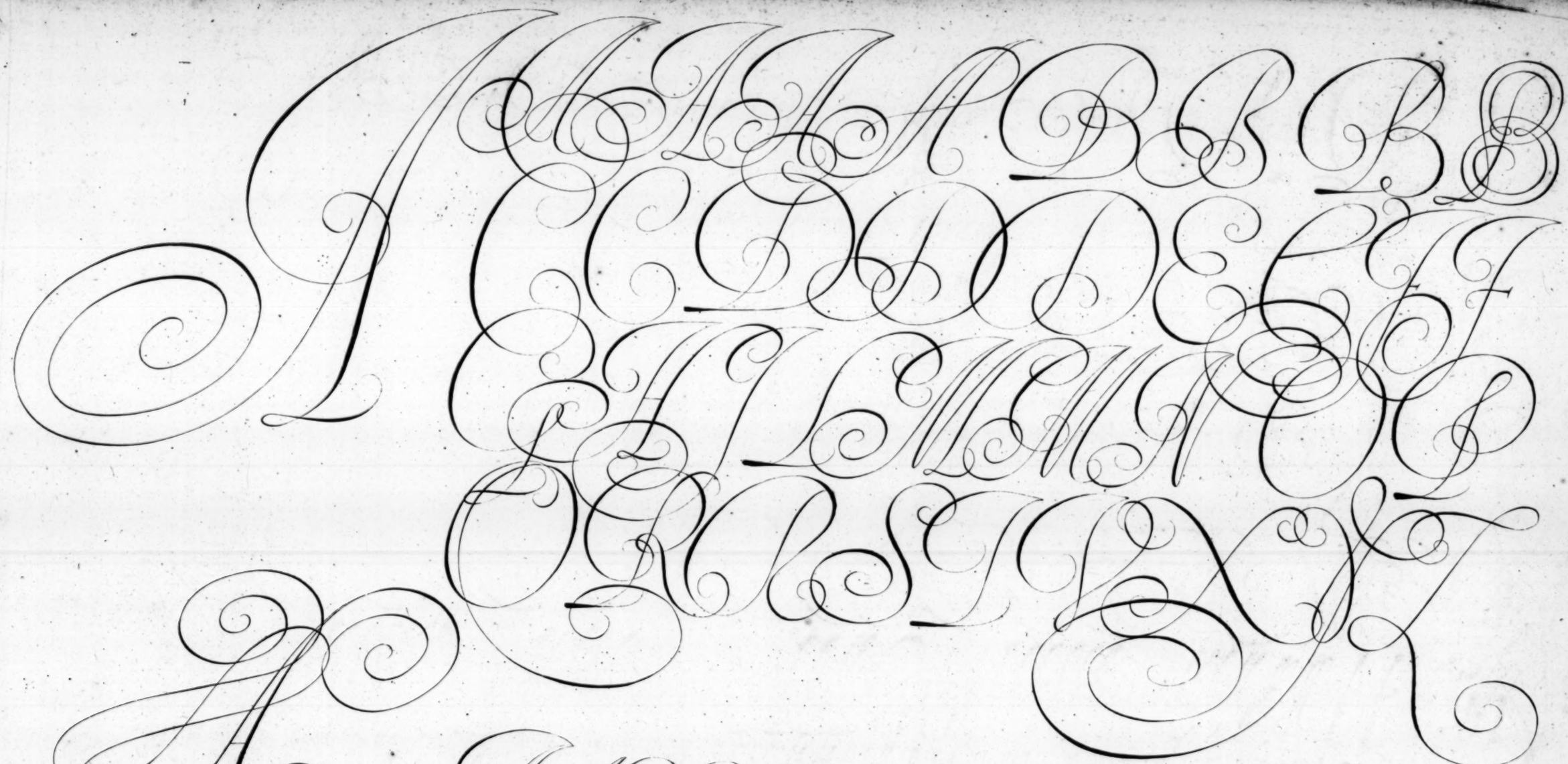
Io ti amaro altro. volto con tanto ardore, chi giurai, che in nissun
tempo ti haurei potuto amar maggiorm.^te. Ma all'incontro t'amo tanto
di presente ch'io giuro non hauerti amato assai pel passato. et non po-
terti amar maggiorm.^te per l'auuenire et cosi di dimani in dimani
sono ingannato dalla grandezza dell'amor ch'ti porto.

Gio.^o Gio.^a Rossi

DIEV est la chose plus ancienne de toutes car il est increé et non engendre le monde est la plus belle chose pour ce qu'il a esté faict de Dieu: la plus grande c'est le lieu, par ce qu'il comprend tout: la plus viste c'est l'esprit par ce qu'il discourt par toutes les choses vniuerselles: la plus forte c'est la neceßité, par ce qu'elle surmonte tout: la plus sage c'est le temps, par ce qu'il treuue toutes choses.

The lawes; Diuine and Humane, haue left men no such bond of assurance; to tie one man to an other, as that of an oath; which should bee taken in sincerities; and kept inviolablie: But seeing the depravation of our nature hath perverted these lawes, and abused this lawfull Act, by Equivocations and mentall reservations, making it like a Gipsies knot, fast or loose, at their pleasure. The lawe of State prescribes no other remedie, to trust noe man of noted falshood, and duplicitie; but vpon good caution, for hee that hath once passed ye

Bethius Fraus delingit, non dissolvit perjurium,



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All' Mto Rdo Sig.re Sr Jffico Brao Colend.o Clar.mo

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Ill.re Nobil.mo Off.mo Sun. Pol.mo Sig.mo Sig.re Dott. Ceu. DVS.

V. Sig.ria Ill.re Sro. Obed.mo Dott.re Famos. Amor. Benig.mo

DOLORIS VVLNERIBVS RIGARE GESTIENS

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Dulcia Mma Pma

Humiliss.o Ser.re Sig.re Sep.bris 1645

Apprenez ô Gaetiens que la Croix est l'escelle,
Qui conduit les humains a la gloire immortelle:
Et la voye de laict qui blanchissant les Cieux,
Guide les saincts esprits aus. conseil des Dieux.

uintus Pompeius sexti filius, multis & veteribus causis necessitudinis mihi coniunctus est. Is cum antea meis commendationibus et rem & gratiam, & autoritatem suam tueri consuerit: nunc profecto te prouintia obtinente meis literis assequi debet, vt nemine se intelligat commendatiorem vnquam fuisse. quamobre a te maiorem in modum peto, vt cùm omneis meos aque actus obseruare pro nostra necessitudine debeas. hunc in primis ita in tuam fidem recipias, vt ipse intelligat nullam rem sibi maiori vsui, aut ornamento, quam meam commendationem esse potuisse. Vale

Getting

Essendo io nato per sempre oprar' alcuna cosa degna di grand'huomo.
Hora non solam^o non è modo di oprarè, ma nè anco di pensarè com'io
possa giouar' ad alcuno, co dove prima potèuo porgere aiuto a persone
basse e nobili, co souenirè fin a i colpeuoli Hora non posso pur' offrirè
a v^o mio carissimo amico, che già fusti tanto honorato che ogn'uno
amauli di dottrina, ce di sanità.

Monsur. Io vous remercie du desir quam^t de m'escrire auquel ie suis du tout
redeuable. Ie ne vous escriuois pas pour vous donner pureme^t ma lettre ains pr. la
changer a vne des vostres Hes vrayt. Ie ne veux pas croire qt l'arrivee du silenz
vis le despart de l'affection. Mais si vous continuez en la bacibuenibe, Ie croiray
de le croire Qu'il n'y ayt donc que vos lettz ou vous aurez de mes reproches.

Gelb:

A B C D E F
G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T V W X Y Z

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Celting 1644

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LABOR OMNIA VINCIT

Learning is a mans cheife ornament and peecious iewell
of mans life & without w^ch man cannot attain vnto any
preferment or place of gouernement in a Common-weale.
Learne therefore in thy minoritie such commendable
qualities as may peraduenture most commodious and
profitable to thee in age.

Getting 1674

Rem tria perficiunt

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Lucius Brutus Eques Romanus, adolescens omnibus rebus ornatus, in meis familiarissimis est, meque obseruat diligentissimè. Cuius cũ patre magna mihi fuit amicitia iam indè à Questura mea Siciliensi. Omnino nunc ipse Brutus Romæ mecum est: sed tamen domum eius, et rem familiarem, et procuratores tibi sic commendo, vt maiore studio commendare non possim. Gratissimum mihi feceris si curaris, vt intelligat Brutus, id quod et recepi, hanc meam commendationem sibi magno adiumento fuisse.

Quandoquidem animaduertimus quamplurimos nonnunquam homines grauiter errantes: omne malum etiam mediocre magnum atque immensum existimandum. Est in mentibus hominum oraculum et quasi diuinum quoddam supernaturam humanum miraculum &c.

Nemo habet Inimicum nisi Ignorantem Gesturg

Seeing is a Sense of incomparable apprehension, yet more subiect to deceipt and cosenage, then seeing, not altogether in the manner of apprehending, but in the uncertaintie of the Obiect. Woords are vocall interpreters of the minde; Actions recall, and therefore howeuer, both bought to speake according to the truth of what is in the heart yet wordes do more bely the heart then action.

Drinke immoderatlie, intemperatlie, or in anie manner of waies inordinatlie receiued, impaires mans memorie, contamminates the minde and manners, and vtterlie confoundes all vertuous qualities and industrie. inuiting an innumerable compani of inconuenicences, and annoiaunces.

MEMENTO MORI

Nothing

LAVS DEO

Alexandre Macedonien apres auoir conquis l'Asie et les Indes
et pauure: il essaye de gangner il sonde les mers inconües, il enuoye
de nouuelles flottes sur l'Ocean, et s'il faut ainsi dire passe oultre
les limites du monde. Vn homme ne se contente de ce qui suffit à
Nature: et s'est trouue qui ayant tout a encores conuoite quelq.

Scrot.

ruſtie and wellbeloued, woe greete yo" well. Wheras woe are credible informed
by the relacon and testimonie of soudrall persons of qualitie, of the aboundant learning and
vertuous qualities that are in Marmaduke Emmerstone, batcheloure in Diuinitie of
Christ churche in o Vniuersitie of Cambridge, is well approued of, both for learninge and
manners, who hath for manie yeares together continued there, without any manner of pre-
ferment or other incouragement. Woe therefore, in Consideracon of the premisses
doe require and command yo", at yo next election, to make choice of the said Marmaduke

Setting

Illustrissimo Illustre si pur veramente chiamar quello che
essendo stato al basso, con le ali proprie della sua virtù
si è da se stesso gloriosamente inalzato lasciando fama
perpetua. Deus est portus adversus infortunia.

Manie and innumerable are thannoiaunces, incumbraunces, and molestacons, together with a multitud of all
manner of vexacons and perturbacons, that continuallie and euerie moment of time, accompanie and ari
euer waiting and attending on wretched mankinde, in this miserable vale of mundane and transitorie
vanitie, Meditacon and prayer, is the common and only meanes and remedie, to shunne and avoide
theis grieuous enormities and most pestilent disturbaunces. Wherefore euermore haue the most
immaculat commaundements in remembraunce, of the most mightie Creator and gouernour of all.

Gething &

Monsiour. Jᵉ gaderay la memoire de mon esprit Jusqa cegle
tomps ser de ses occions, m'assysor bᵉ & lgz. commodise de satisfere à
mon dezir à mon debuoir, & à tank de oligaons. Gething.

Frendship once broaken is hardlie peeced. And peeced Enmitie
neuer surelie sodeed: Reconcilement among such is like that supple
Gething. ointment wᶜʰ onlie easeth the peesent smart, and skins the soare, but
1644. searcheth nocht the roote, to cakᵉ out the ranke and maligne flesh.

LETTRE NEFVE DES VTILES SE DEFVENT

Tous les plus grands biens du monde sont parsemez d'ennuits et de sollicitudes et n'y a condition en la vie humaine plus redoutable que la prospere Pour garantir nostre felicité nous auons besoin d'vne autre felicite, et pour les souhaits acomplis il faut fere d'autres souhaits Car tout ce qui auient pour le regard de ceste vie pend à vn filet. Hul ne prend plaisir aux choses qui doiuent tomber Donc tres-miserables sont ceux qui amassent auec trauail ce qu'ilz ne peuuent garder auec grand soing.

LETTRE CHANCELERESQVE FORMEE

Il n'y a homme à qui la fortune fauorise tant que s'il entreprend beaucoup tout responde et auienne par tout comme il desire.

a m b m c m d m e m f m g m h m i m k m l m n m o m p m q m r m s m t m v m u m v m x m y m z m o m f d g

Lething

All Eyes Eares & Tongues

Where Reason sitts as soueraigne, and gouernes all other passions and perturbations of ye minde; that mans actions are squared by ye squire of Virtue, and confined within ye limmits of mediocritie: Howe because in a multitude, these moeons and affections, like soe manie mutenous souldiers, haue noe such captaine as Reason to resaire vnto for Direction: they are with a violent variation from one extreame to an other whirled &c.

Bellua multorum capitum.

Set singe

uyn aucun n peut tomber sur celuy, qui
s fondemens d la sapienc, aura jette
la temperanc et continenc, deux pilliers
sur lesquels l'homme ayant poss tout
son esperanc ne peut estre esbranle d
la fortune.

Gettingen

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A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M.
N. N. O. P. Q. R. S. S. T. V. W. X. Y. Z

carrs in a souldiers face, are the markes of honour; and wounds in
his weake bodie, are strong pleaders for reward. Such therefore as
shall loose any limme in theire countries service, and be disabled
for other imploiments, are to be maintained at the countries charges: for
Reward is as strong a supporter of State, as punishment. whosoeuer &c:

Geesing

CAROLVS DEI GRATIA

Magnæ Brittanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fidei defensor
&c Serenissimis atque Illustrissimis Principibus, Ducibus,
Comitibus, Thalassiarchis, Strategis Vrbium, Portuum, Viarū,
Pontium, Fluminum, Præfectis Omnibus, et singulis Archi-
Episcopis, Episcopis, et Magistratibus quibuscunque, Salutem.
Qui has nostras ad vos perfert litteras Nobilissimus et Honora-
tissimus Dominus Caruetius Demetrius natione Grecus,
pro vt ex varijs testimonijs fide dignis certo accepimus) ex Achaia
Peloponeso præclaris maioribus est oriundus, Qui cum in &c:

R: Getting

Adhuc Dodwelli Vindiciæ Vindicatæ

Gottingæ

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Haue the liuing
members of the bodie, vnited &
knit together maintaine life, and
contrariwise being seperated and de-
vided, bringeth death. Likewise magistrates in a
Common-weale, by maintaineing vnitie and
Concord, with good government, secure the state.
a.b.c.d.e.f.g.g.h.i.k.l.m.n.o.p.q.r.r.s.t.v.uw.y.z.

Gething

Nothing.

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Ettrolius dei gr̃ā Anglie ⁊ hibnie rex fidei defensor ꝛr Dilus
sibi Rogo ȳ tm teſt Chriſtofero hamond ⁊ Robto Wollaſton⁹ arm̃ig⁹ ꝺict̃m Quat-
Edm̃ⁱ latꝫ hoꝝ nr̃m p publicatꝫ ꝓclamacoēs p Sir Com̃ij wynnoth in ꝺiuſis lor̃m
eiꝰdem Com̃ virtute bꝛeuⁱ ei ꝺem Sir mꝑdijt ⁊ ꝓtonjat ꝓceptum fuit qꝺ idem Edm̃ⁱ

Legem pone mihi domine viam iuſtificationum tua-
rum et exquiram eam ſemper Da mihi intellectum
⁊ ſcrutabor legem tuam et cuſtodiam illam in toto
corde meo, deduce me ſemita mandatorum tuorum

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